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Docket No. 99D-0557  
Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)  
Food and Drug Administration  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Docket No. 99D-0557 - the use of genetically-altered pigs for human transplants.

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am deeply concerned over the use of genetically-altered pigs for human transplants. They are not safer than nonhuman primates and pose a health risk. Diseases in pigs can and will infect humans. Please consider the swine influenza, the Porcine Endogenous Retroviruses and a novel strain of Hepatitis E found in US pig herds. These diseases pose a threat to human health.

I cannot understand why the FDA violated the national Environmental Policy Act by failing to perform an environmental impact statement before allowing clinical xenotransplantation experiments. In addition, substantial public and private financing is being utilized without public debate. I do not want my tax dollars used to develop xenotransplantation because there are safer and more humane alternatives.

**It is in the best interests of everyone of us to immediately put an end to the practice of xenotransplantation before we all become infected with a twenty first century bubonic plague!!!**

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



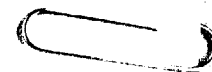
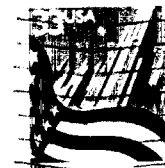
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